

April 10, 2025

Scott Hileman Fremont County 1170 Red Canyon Road Canon City, CO 812812

<u>RE: Fremont Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1984-117; Technical Revision (TR-1), Adequacy</u> <u>Review</u>

Dear Mr. Hileman,

On March 26, 2025, the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS) received the Technical Revision (TR-1) application to update the mining plan and request stockpiling various materials, including imported materials, on the permitted area of the Fremont Gravel Pit, located in Fremont County. After a review of the application, there are some matters that require further information and/or clarification prior to the Division issuing a decision for the TR-1 application. Please provide a response and any supplemental items in a cover letter addressing the following items.

- 1. The materials being requested to have stockpiled at the permitted site include culverts, cattle guards, guard rails, tree limbs/branches, fill material, and concrete. These materials are not acid-forming or toxic in nature, as stated in the letter from the Fremont County Department of Transportation. Will the materials be removed from the site prior to reclamation of the affected lands? If the intention is to use any imported materials as backfill during reclamation activities, please provide the following information, per Rule 3.1.5(9):
 - a. A narrative that describes the approximate location of where imported material will be used as backfill, per Rule 3.1.5(9)(a).
 - b. The approximate volume of the imported material to be used as backfill, per Rule 3.1.5(9)(b).
 - c. A signed affidavit certifying that the material is clean and inert in accordance with Rule 3.1.5(9)(c). Be advised, the letter provided from the Fremont County Department of Transportation is not signed and does not satisfy this requirement.
 - d. An explanation of how the backfilled site will result in a post-mining configuration that is compatible with the approved post-mining land use, per Rule 3.1.5(9)(e).

This concludes the Division's adequacy review of the TR-1 application for the Fremont Gravel Pit. The decision date for the TR-1 application is <u>April 25, 2025</u>. If more time is needed



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to address the items above, a written request to extend the decision date should be submitted to the Division before the decision date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email at <u>Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us</u> or by phone at (720) 666-1065.

Sincerely, the

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